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SDUA Meeting Minutes December 5th, 2020

President **Larry Faast** brought the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Our meeting was held online via Zoom.

Guest attendees: We had no new guests for this meeting.

Mark Novak gave is treasurers report. We have \$ 71,376.67 in the club account. And as a reminder, we may need to pay most of these funds back to Skydive when we sign a new lease in 2021.

Mike Sandlin (membership) was absent, but we have 50 paid members in our club.

Larry Faast (in speaking with the owner of Skydive; **Bram**) it appears we will be able to sign a five-year sub-lease in April or May of 2021. The primary lease will be between Skydive and The City of San Diego. The details of this sub-lease have not been discussed in detail. However, one downside is that **Bram** wants to take more of our hanger space. He says he needs the extra space for his flight operations. In exchange, he will build some standard metal hangers and a clubhouse. We are not yet sure how this will affect the amount of money we have been saving by not paying Skydive hanger and air filed rent for the last several years. **Larry** said he will set up a meeting the Skydive owner **Bram** to discuss the future of our lease. **Larry** says he would take some club members with him for this meeting.

Larry Faast sent a letter to **Kirk Phaff** confirming that Kirk would leave Skydives leasehold be the end of December 2020.

It appears that the large McMillan housing project for nearby Proctor Valley has been approved. This will affect the area where we fly.

There was some damage to **Ralph Leyva's** hanger during the recent windstorm. **Bob Moses** has placed temporary patches to the damaged areas.

Ron Donofero is getting close to his solo flight.

The newly hired safety officer at Skydive, **Rich May**, quit. The new safety officer is **Patrick**.

This year has been difficult for all of us but next year looks to be promising with the new Moderna Covid-19 vaccine. I've heard from several pilots that the FAA WAS going to deny pilots flying privileges if they had taken the vaccine. However, I just read an email from FAA stating they have changed their mind and will allow pilots to continue flying that have had the vaccine. They do however caution everyone because the vaccine can make you drowsy for several days.

On another note, I need to tell you about an incident that occurred at our airpark last week. One of our former members bought a Quicksilver MXII and had been flying at Nichols for the last 5 months. He was NOT a current member (had not paid dues for the past 2 years) and crashed it into the trees at the west end of the field. He walked away from the accident without a scratch, thankfully. When **Al** notified me of the incident, I immediately phoned **Bram** (who had not yet heard about it yet). He was pleased that I called right away to inform him. At his insistence, the pilot of this N numbered Quicksilver called the FAA to report the accident and arranged for an airlift helicopter service to come in and lift the badly damaged plane out of the trees over the next few days. The FAA plans to interview the pilot via a ZOOM call.

I think this story will end well for **Bram** and **SDUA** since all the correct steps were taken after the crash and no one was injured, nor property damaged. Of course, the outcome could have been very different had the city and / or the water department were to find out and investigate.

Bram is still in the negotiation process with the city for his / our new 5-year lease, so we hope and pray nothing interferes with his plans to procure the lease by April '21.

I hope to see all of you during the January Zoom meeting. Stay safe and Merry Christmas to all.

Larry

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The vote for new club officers was not held. Their terms were extended to a January 2021 vote. All the previous club officers were re-nominated by unanimous vote in November '20.

Steve Leary bought **Kirk Phaff's** old dome style hanger.

Jerry Blaskey has his 2001 Skyboy for sale. Asking price is \$ 12,000.

9 people attended our Zoom meeting. Meeting ended at 11:20AM.

From Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager
HOMEBUILDERS WEEK – Online Event Starts January 26, 2021
An online opportunity to learn abiuot all aspects of building your own aircraft

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft buidlers: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) . It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 and run until Saturday, January 30th, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building thjeir own aircraft. Sessions wil start at 1PM CST and run until 8:30PM CST, daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We wil cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheetmetal, composites, steel and wood. But it won't be for the newbiwe; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a himebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting outr, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate – It is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendede questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Eperimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce and Specialty Co, Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

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SDUA Pilot's Christmas Poem – by Larry Faast

'Twas the night before Christmas when all thru the Park
Not a Rotax was turning, not even a spark

Quicksilvers and Skyboys now under their covers
Bloops and Trikes saying "goodnight" to their lovers

No puppies were a playin', no jumpers a swayin'
Even the gophers, they were not a strayin'

The stockings were hung to the hangers with care
With hope that Ol' Saint Nick would soon be there

The pilots were nestled all snug in their beds
With visions of flight aloft in their heads

When out on two-seven there rose such a clatter
I sprang from the clubhouse to see what's the matter

It was coyote cries from surrounding green hills
That first gave me the creepy cold chills

Revealing our playground, the moon's full luster would tell
Who might be shouting and ringing that bell

And what to my wondering eyes did I see on Short Final appearing
But a sleigh, six reindeer, and a bearded man cheering

His call sigh was Saint Nick
Directing his subjects to look lively and quick

More rapid than Rans his coursers they came
As he whistled and shouted and called them by name

"Now Bloop! Now Kolb! Now Kitfox!" he demanded
"On, Avid! On, Eipper!" he screeched and commanded

"To the tops of those hangers whether large or small"
"Now dash away, dash away, deliver them all"

Engines, propellers and radios so shiny and new
Helmets, instruments and parachutes for two

All flyers were granted their wishes with cheer
No lump of coal for any pilot this year

He leaped to his sleigh having finished his work
With a check of the mags and snap of the reins, they started to jerk

To the tops of the trees and over the lake water
The little fat man no time to dotter

But I heard him exclaim, ere he disappeared from sight
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a safe flight"